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A communication method for a portable radio terminal with an infrared communication function, said communication method comprising:

a step of judging whether a radio communication function section is in radio communication or not; and

a step of controlling a driving current of a light emitting element in an infrared communication function section in accordance with a judgement.

The communication method for a portable radio terminal with an infrared communication function according to Claim 1, wherein said driving current of said light emitting element in said infrared communication function section is controlled in accordance with a transmission power value of said radio communication function section.

3. The communication method for a portable radio terminal with an infrared communication function according to Claim 1, wherein it is notified that a communicable distance of said infrared communication\ function is restricted.

A communication method for a portable radio terminal with an infrared communication function, said communication method comprising:

a step of judging whether a radio communication function section is in radio communication or not; and

a step of selecting an infrared communication function among a plurality of infrared communication functions in accordance with

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5 The communication method for a portable radio terminal with an infrared communication function according to Claim 4, wherein said infrared communication function is selected among said plurality of infrared communication functions in accordance a transmission power value of said radio communication function section.

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6. The communication method for a portable radio terminal with an infrared communication function according to Claim 4, wherein it is notified that a communicable distance of said infrared communication function is restricted.

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A portable radio terminal with an infrared communication function comprising:

a radio communication function section;

an infrared communication function section; and

an information processing section for detecting a function state of said radio communication function section and for controlling an infrared output from said infrared communication function section.

8. The portable radio terminal with an infrared communication function according to Claim 7, wherein said function state is a radio output of said radio communication function section, and said infrared output is controlled to be small when said radio output

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9. The portable radio terminal with an infrared communication function according to Claim 8, wherein said small infrared output corresponds to restricting a communicable distance of said infrared communication function.

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